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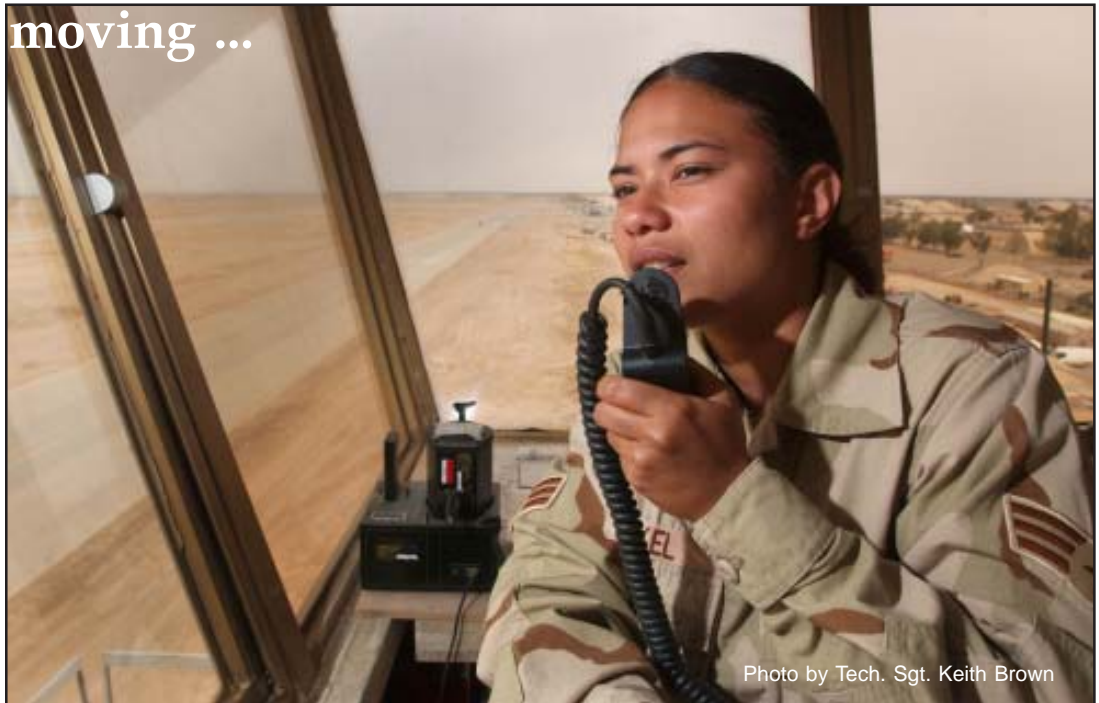
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Keeping it moving ...

Senior Airman Salamasina Nickel, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, talks to a vehicle crossing a taxiway. Airman Nickel is an air traffic controller deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.



Airmen who drive convoys?

Air Force personnel assume new roles in combat

By Chief Master Sgt. Edmond Lubbers

732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Chief Enlisted Manager

The reddish sun, just peeking over the horizon, slowly warms Logistical Support Area Anaconda's fine dust. Although the day has just barely begun, this central hub in the middle of the Sunni Triangle is already a flurry of activity.

Under the most watchful eye of the convoy commander, the Airmen carefully position vehicles and make final preparations for a convoy to a classified loca-

tion. Convoys are normal throughout Iraq; however, it is unusual that Army and Air Force personnel are assigned to the same unit, working shoulder to shoulder, to accomplish DOD missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Today's mission is to conduct an engineering site survey necessary to improve the roads and shower systems throughout an installation," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Tonya Sexton, an engineering assistant assigned to the construction management section. Sergeant Sexton went on to say that performing engineer-

ing missions in Iraq while assigned to an Army unit has been a career broadening and rewarding experience.

Her supervisor, Maj. Darrel Stokes agrees. "We have not just integrated Air Force personnel into an Army unit; we have significantly expanded mission capability by merging Air Force and Army active duty along with both Guard and Reserve personnel. It has become clear that the section's diversity has made the unit better equipped to get the job done."

"We are certainly pleased with the initial success of standing up Air Force units within the Army," said Col. Gary Shick, 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group Commander.

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Commander's Corner

Vigilance key to force protection

By Brig. Gen. F.C. Williams
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Commander

The team Balad, as we approach the final stretch of the AEF 7/8 rotation, I'd like remind everyone of our vital purpose here.

Logistical Support Area

Anaconda and Balad Air Base are continuing to grow to meet the demands and needs of the global war on terrorism. As



our mission expands to become a strategic nucleus in the AOR, you can be sure that the risks will go up as insurgents zone in on our importance here. Because of this, it is even more crucial for each of us to remain vigilant with the force protection measures that are in affect.

The last few weeks have been fairly quiet. Don't let this be a reason to rest on your laurels. Maintain situational awareness around your areas. If something looks out of place, report it. For your own safety, keep your personal protection gear nearby in the event it's needed. After 8 p.m. each and every person should have their gear fully

donned appropriately. You've come too far to be complacent and allow a lapse in judgment to prevent you from going home safely to your family. Take every precaution to ensure your safety and that of your fellow Airmen.

We are in the midst of changing the footprints of Balad and its importance in Iraq. Our presence in the AOR is vital to the continued functionality of our brave troops out in the field. Your focus and dedication to the task at hand will help ensure that they are equipped to continue to fight the good fight.

You are all combat Airmen. Keep up the great work!

With core values you're never left behind

By Maj. Rod Lewis
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Chief Executive Officer

As a C-17A pilot, I've flown many people into Iraq and I always left within hours of landing. I've always made it a point to let one of the troops sit up front with me to give them an opportunity to see a takeoff or landing as a way to say "thank you" to some of our finest. That was became different when it was my turn to deploy. I was the recipient of witnessing the takeoff and landing before my three-month tour in Iraq. Maj. Dave Snyder, from the 300th Airlift Squadron, out of Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and his crew shook my hand and wished me well as they continued their checklist preparing the jet for takeoff. This time I was left behind. Or was I?

In a foreign environment, you fall back on what you know based on your life experiences. That's exactly what happened to me. I began to reflect on what psychologist's call Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. It goes something like this; first you need food, followed by shelter, clothing and if you're really

lucky you can reach self-actualization where you can make a difference.

When I arrived for ground duty, Air Force personnel took me to various places and helped me in-process. They were experts, and after a short period of time I knew my basic "Maslow" needs would be met. Sure the accommodations could be better, but I was fast approaching Maslow's pinnacle place of self-actualization. I can make a difference!

I began wondering how I would leave this place better for my replacement. My mind raced, and I began to think about our core values and how they are a part of my life. **Integrity first; Service before self; Excellence in all we do.** Based on past experiences I know great things happen when we internalize these values. I thought about how I would apply the core values in my deployment.

Integrity first: Integrity is doing what is right no matter what types of internal or external pressures exist. It provides the foundation of trust imperative in our jobs. Integrity is hard to capture in one word; however, you can snare the con-

cept with several words: honesty, truthfulness, courage and responsibility. These spell out what's truly important in anything we as military members do and I believe center around three major themes.

As part of Team Charleston, we have heard these themes from Col. Brooks Bash, 437 AW commander, Charleston AFB, S.C.: Safety, mission and family. We can never waiver in these areas. Even on our best days doing everything right we can still lose a battle. If we waiver or reduce our integrity in these critical areas, on our worst day we can lose the war. Integrity is a key ingredient that allows us to continue our daily jobs after events like this. I choose to have integrity always as I focus on safety, mission and my deployed family of various military services.

Service before self: I have freely taken an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States; this alone puts me in the service of our great nation. Service before self is putting my professional duties and others' needs

Feature

Secretary, chief of staff send Armed Forces Day message

Editor's note: *The following is an Armed Forces Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:*

"Since 1949, America has paid tribute to its men and women in uniform by celebrating Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May. Grateful Americans in every state will hold parades and fly Old Glory to honor those who have worn the uniform either as a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine.

"It is indeed an important time to be a member of our nation's Armed Forces and especially to be an Airman. America needs your service today as much, if not more, than any other time in our country's history. America's security is a global issue as we continue the fight in the war on terrorism. Our country needs your steadfast devotion to protecting the freedoms we enjoy.

"Today, we serve a grateful nation. From shore to shore, Americans are proud of your professional competence, combat capabilities and unwavering courage to defend our country. They have seen firsthand your efforts in the mountains of Afghanistan and the skies over Iraq and your steadfastness in protecting our homeland. They have reveled with us in your triumphs and cried with us when we lose brothers and sisters in battle.

"You represent the pride and patriotism of the United States. You are the standard for sacrifice, devotion and bravery. We are proud to serve with you. On this Armed Forces Day, let's remember those who came before us and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May God bless all of you and our great nation."

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above my own personal desires. This is truly unique because it contradicts our innate survival mechanisms according to most theories. The Air Force Little Blue Book says service before self includes the following behaviors: rule following, respect for others, discipline and self-control and faith in the system. I know I'll have plenty of opportunities subjugating my personal desires as I exercise the value of service before self in this deployed environment.

Excellence in all we do: This is the highest standard we can incorporate into our daily lives and I believe this is where we sometimes fall short because it's all-encompassing. The key is to have a plan and work as hard as possible to execute it 100 percent of the time. As Col. Bill Bender, 437th Operations Group, Charleston AFB, S.C., commander says, "Do it right the first time."

That should always be our goal, but sometimes we need a little vector to determine what "it" really is. For me it's family and friends, health, job, education and spiritual growth. If I work hard to keep these areas in balance, I'm headed in the right direction. By striving for personal excellence in these five areas I help create synergy within our organization. Together we can take it to the next level, and you can make a difference!

The core values define the U.S. Air Force; they're what set us apart from other organizations. As I reflect on the core values and what they mean to me, it's clear Major Snyder and his crew didn't leave me behind. We share the same core values, and that's what makes being a part of this organization great.

I challenge you to think about our core values, what they mean to you and how you can apply them to your situation. With the proper application of these core values each of us can make a difference and make our Air Force a little better for those who will follow.

May Promotions

Congratulations to the following Airmen to be promoted during the month of May:

Senior Airman

Michael Breaux

Alden Castillo

Renee Crisman

Daniel Dewane

Carrie Harrell

Jessica Holloway

Michael Jerabeck

Johnny Kelly

Jonathan Lucero

Natalia Martin

David Miller

Cody Sweat

Victor Torres

David Weeden

Staff Sergeant

Michael Blackburn

Jack Kovach

Chad Wallace

Reserve information

All Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members who were unable to attend the April 27 Reserve and Guard Benefits briefing can view the briefing by going to <http://intranet.blab.aorcentaf.af.mil/>.

Click on 332 AEW/JA, then "Services" and then "ARC Briefing" at the bottom of the page. The briefing goes over various entitlements and policies.

Feature

Command Post controllers key to information flow

By Master Sgt. Jon Hanson

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

There's a particular organization on base that many people think is the place to go for information. In part they are, however, the unit is a lot more than that.

Members of the command post do much more than just pass along information, especially in a combat zone. The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Command Post is no exception.

"We are the eyes and ears of the base," said Airman 1st Class Kevin Preston Jr., an emergency action controller from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. "Anything that happens on the base, we are the central focal point for – attacks, IFEs (in-flight emergencies), ground emergencies."

The command post has several functions including flight following and reporting.

The controllers provide flight tracking by keeping in touch with aircrews flying in and out of Balad.

"We are basically the first ones who talk to inbound aircraft," said Capt. Dennis Higuera, chief of 332nd AEW/CP. "The aircraft will call in and we find out what they are carrying, their fuel requirements, if they have changes to flight schedule or load changes."

The command post then passes this information on to the Air Terminal Operations Center, commonly referred to as ATOC, and the aircraft maintenance folks on the parking ramp. This allows everyone an opportunity to get prepared for the aircraft.

If the aircrews require flight changes, the controllers will coordinate with the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill, or the Air Mobility Division in the Combined Air Operations Center, located in Southwest Asia.

Another role of the command post is the reporting function. These consist typically of the daily situation report, or SITREP, and the operational report, or OPREP.

These reports keep senior leadership at all levels informed of events at Balad. The command post compiles and puts together a daily SITREP. They do OPREPs only when a serious condition arises, such as a death or aircraft accident.

In a deployed environment their role takes on a different meaning.

"When an attack occurs, there is a myriad of things we are doing in the command post," said Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Finklea, superintendent of the 332nd AEW/CP. "We are getting information from various sources and trying to give the wing commander and leadership information to keep our people safe and protect our resources."

"It is a lot more important over here," said Staff Sgt. Sarah Ellis, an EAC from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. "People are



Photo by Master Sgt. Jon Hanson

Airman 1st Class Kevin Preston coordinates notifications for a possible unexploded ordnance (UXO).

a lot more dependent on us. Over here we are always one of the first people to be notified about information and that makes our job a lot easier."

One thing for sure is operations in a combat zone has been an eye opening and a great learning experience for many.

"This is definitely not home station," said Chief Finklea. "I knew this was serious business. When I got here I found it was deadly serious business. You do things at home station that are scripted and you have a set game plan. There is no set game plan in a combat zone. You react based on things happening here in this environment."

"Things operate differently. There is a lot of adapting over here," said Staff Sgt. Brian Tressler, an EAC also from Cannon AFB. "You have to be fluid. You can't lock yourself into doing things a certain way."

For some, this deployment brings a new meaning to their job.

"Honestly, I didn't really know the importance of my job until I got deployed," said Airman Preston. "Back home you take it for granted. When you get deployed and see how your job pertains as a whole in a danger zone – you start to see the value of it. The little things you do add up when something is really happening."

Members of the command post know they will take their experiences and put them to great use.

"I am going to have the motivation now. If anybody hasn't deployed, I'm going to tell them this is how it is," said Airman Preston. "You might think you are doing nothing (important) now, but learn what you have to learn now, because when you actually go over there you are going to do this, this and this. And, if you don't get this done, terrible things could happen. Everyone is depending on one another, so if one job doesn't get done, everybody else is going to fall -- like dominoes."

Feature

PERSCO -- your ticket home

By Capt. Morshe Araujo
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

They're the first organization newly arrived Baladians see when they arrive in the AOR, and they're the last people they see at the end of their rotation.

Serving as a deployed Military Personnel Flight and Personnel Readiness Unit, the Personnel Support for Contingency Operations or PERSCO maintains strength accountability for this particular location.

The accountability includes transient, Air Force and other Department of Defense personnel, civilians and contractors. "We inprocess people to Balad," said PERSCO flight chief, 1st Lt. Nancy Morin. "We give them their first bit of information of Balad as far as services, T-Town and policies for the area, such as General Order 1."

The flight also conducts Right Start, a newcomers brief, which is held every Tuesday at 8 a.m. The briefers, ranging from the wing commander to the communications squadron, provide newly inprocessed people information on what to expect during their rotation. The eight-man team also handles casualty notification and personnel actions such as reenlistments, promotions and extensions.

For Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Erwin, who works in the PERSCO office, being deployed is a great experience. "Every day we live doing every aspect of readiness. To actually do this from a wartime environment here has been the best experience," said Sergeant Erwin. "I've participated in a lot of PERSCO exercises, yet this is where it's at."

Sergeant Erwin's primary job is a MANPER-B operator. "This is a classified system that maintains accountability of all personnel stationed at Balad," said Sergeant Erwin, who also said that the thing he misses most about his family is special occasions.

"I miss my family and I'm missing another birthday."

Probably one of the most important aspects of PERSCO's job is casualty notification. The sensitive requirement ensures that family members are notified of a person's status whether the member is injured or deceased before the information is released out to the public.

"It's important that people understand how important it is to let PERSCO handle the notification process," said Sergeant Erwin. "When too many hands get into the pot, an already sensitive process becomes tangled and more painful for the family. Leaving the notification with PERSCO ensures that the family is hearing all of the information accurately and at one time."

From promotion releases to Right Start briefings, PERSCO is leading the way in keeping Balad informed on personnel issues that affect Airmen both in country and back at home.

Monthly awards

Congratulations to the following Balad Air Base monthly award winners:

Airman

SrA Shonda Jurgensen, 332nd AEW
 SrA Janine Wall, 332nd EOG
 A1C Brandon Ramezas, 332nd EMXG
 SrA Patrick Carlin, 332nd EMDG
 SrA Jamison Jones, Associate Unit

NCO

SSgt. Brian Tessler, 332nd AEW
 SSgt. Lance Blocher, 332nd EOG
 TSgt. Michael Harris, 732nd EMSG
 SSgt. Richard Styles, 332nd EMSG
 SSgt. Leilani Lucas, 332nd EMXG
 TSgt. John Percy, 332nd EMDG
 SSgt. Steven Rennie, Associate Unit

Senior NCO

MSgt. Randall Dexter, 332nd AEW
 MSgt. Jon Denton, 332nd EOG
 MSgt. Donald Grow, 732nd EMSG
 SMSgt. Anthony Smith, 332nd EMSG
 MSgt. Paul Meadors, 332nd EMDG

On the hunt ...



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerry Cataldo

Members of "Team CASF," (from left to right): Maj. Patricia Pamom, Staff Sgt. Jenny Koester, Capt. Bill Moore, Staff Sgt. Kevin Edwards and Senior Airman Daniel Nichiporuk; look over a list of items for the Scavenger Hunt hosted by the 332nd SVS April 25. The CASF took top honors during the event and won the \$300 grand prize -- an AAFES gift certificate. More than 25 people participated in the event. The next Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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“Under the 732nd EMSG, the Air Force has deployed numerous teams to include nine engineering teams, four truck companies, and one fuels team in support of the Army. The Air Force and Army units certainly have complimented each other well and their list of accomplishments has been growing fast. But it takes quality up front preparation to render our Airmen fully mission capable,” said Colonel Shick.

First Lt. T.J. Fryer, an actions officer assigned to the 732nd EMSG Rear Cell located in Southwest Asia said, “Our job is to train, equip and prepare Air Force personnel for their new Army mission.

“I work with a team of Army, Air Force, civilian contractors to process the incoming teams through a rigorous 16-day training schedule that includes live fire convoy training. After receiving the training, the teams go through a validation process to ensure they are totally ready to forward deploy into Iraq,” said the Lieutenant Fryer.

As today’s convoy rolls out the gate on another mission, these Airmen are truly delivering the hope for a better tomorrow for the Iraqi people and the world. They also demonstrate that the motto “One Team, One Fight” is alive and well.

Know General Order No. 1A

General Order No. 1A identifies conduct that is prejudicial to the maintenance of good order and discipline of Air Force personnel assigned to or attached to duty with Ninth Air Force units within the United States Central Command’s area of responsibility. The general order is a punitive order in effect while at Balad Air Base.

General Order No. 1A prohibits:

- Possession, manufacture, importation, distribution and consumption of alcohol
 - Introduction purchase, possession, use, sale, transfer, manufacture, or consumption of any controlled substances or drug paraphernalia. Prescription drugs must be accompanied by the original prescription label of the prescribing medical facility or authority
 - Introduction, possession, transfer, sale, creation, or display of any pornographic or sexually explicit material. This includes, but is not limited to photos, videotapes, movies, drawings, cartoons, books and magazines. “Sexually explicit” means depiction or description of nudity, including sexual or excretory activities or organs, in a lascivious or lustful way. The exceptions are magazines or video tapes lawfully obtained in AAFES, AFRTS and MWR facilities
 - Purchase, possession, use or sale of privately owned firearms, explosives or ammunition
 - Gambling of any kind including sports pools, lotteries and raffles.
 - Entrance into a mosque or other site of Islamic religious significance unless directed by military authorities as part of a military necessity or official tour.
 - Removing, possessing, selling, defacing, or destroying archaeological artifacts or national treasures
 - Selling, bartering, or exchanging any currency at other than at the official exchange rate
 - Adopting mascots, caring for or feeding any type of domestic or wild animals
 - Proselytizing (preaching) or attempting to win converts to any religion, faith or practice
 - Taking war trophies as souvenirs
 - Attending disciplinary ceremonies of any kind, such as public executions
- Violations of the above rules are punishable under Article 92 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

Playing games on official computers not allowed

Courtesy 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron

We all enjoy a little relaxation and mind-melting from the hectic, high-stress working environment here in the AOR. For that reason, MWR has instituted several attractions; games on computers are no exception.

However, it is imperative to know where the line is drawn in the sand. Out here, we still have to succumb to the network policies and instructions that we abide by at home station.

Below is guidance that pertains to

games on government systems. The bottom line is it is not allowed in the work center nor machines used for official business.

“The guidance below explains what is and isn’t allowed,” said Master Sgt. Todd Thomas, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron Network Control Center. “It is far better for folks to police themselves by deleting and uninstalling these files off their workstations and off any user-server folder; because if Comm finds it, we take actions a little more seriously.”

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commander has approved the use of games and recreational software as long as the below conditions are met.

❑ Games are not authorized in work centers. Morale applications shall not be loaded on workstations used for official business. Commanders must dedicate workstations for morale use in an MWR area designated specifically for morale purposes. These workstations must be placed on a subnet with a separate firewall from the official base network.

❑ Any computers brought with deployed personnel cannot be connected

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to the network unless the network control center has verified compliance with all designated approval authority requirements.

❑ Morale applications must be legally procured and loaded from the manufacturer's original media in a manner consistent with the licensing agreement. Shareware applications downloaded from the Internet are not authorized.

❑ Morale applications shall not communicate beyond the base firewall. Games connecting to a commercial server for Internet play are not authorized. Networked games are authorized at commander's discretion if all workstations meet the above requirements and do not place an excessive burden on network resources.

Failure to comply with the above policies will result in the below sanctions, said Sergeant Thomas.

The first time a user fails to comply with network policies the network account will be locked for no less than five duty days. The second time results in no less than 30 days and the third time no less than 60 days.

Each time there is an abuse violation, the NCC will notify the unit computer manager and unit commander. The offender must re-accomplish the Network User License Training each

time. After the second and third offense, the unit commander must submit a written request to the NCC in order for the account to be unlocked.

Many of these policies are automatically enforced through the judicious administration of firewalls, proxy servers and other devices. However, some users may be granted unlimited or specific access to Internet web services for official purposes.

Users who are granted special access for official use must still comply with these policies when accessing the networks for personal use. Failure of automated network resources to prevent unauthorized use does not nullify any individual's responsibility to use the networks appropriately.

"Failure to abide by these policies can result in administrative, judicial or non-judicial punishment in accordance with federal law, the Uniform Code of Military Justice and civilian employee regulations," said Sergeant Thomas.

"The network control center does not target individuals when probing the network," said Sergeant Thomas, "we take sophisticated software and probe for special files and activities that may degrade our network performance."

Being deployed doesn't stop judicial system

Courtesy 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office

During the AEF 7/8 rotation there have been several crimes that commanders have had to deal with. There are several forms of punishment available to commanders to deal with these problems. They could use a letter of admonition, a letter of counseling, a letter of reprimand, nonjudicial punishment (also known as an Article 15), or a court-martial.

The following is a brief accounting of the crimes and punishment in the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing during this rotation:

❑ A Technical Sergeant was given nonjudicial punishment for wrongfully departing the base by flying on an Army helicopter to Baghdad without authorization of the commander or without out-processing through PERSCO. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Staff Sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,169 pay and a reprimand.

❑ A Staff Sergeant was given NJP

for failure to obey a lawful general order (GO-1A) by wrongfully introducing, possessing and consuming an alcoholic beverage in the AOR. The punishment was a reduction to Senior Airman and a reprimand.

❑ A Staff Sergeant was given NJP for failure to obey a lawful general order (GO-1A) by wrongfully introducing and possessing sexually explicit material (adult magazines) in the AOR. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Senior Airman and forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months.

❑ An Airman 1st Class was given NJP for being disrespectful to a superior noncommissioned officer. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

❑ An Airman 1st Class was offered NJP for disobeying a lawful command of a superior commissioned officer and for resisting apprehension. Upon hearing the Airman's response the commander withdrew the nonjudicial punishment and issued a letter of reprimand.

❑ A Staff Sergeant was given NJP for dereliction of duty by leaving her military working dog in a closed vehicle for an extended period of time. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Senior Airman and a reprimand.

❑ A Senior Airman was given NJP for dereliction of duty by failing to perform the duties a supervisor directed in a timely manner and for introducing and possessing sexually explicit material (X-rated video tape) in the AOR. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Airman 1st Class and a reprimand.

❑ A Staff Sergeant was given NJP for failure to obey a lawful general order (GO-1A) by wrongfully introducing, possessing and displaying sexually explicit material (X-rated DVD) in the AOR. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Senior Airman and forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months.

With the AEF 7/8 rotation being only 90 to 100 days, don't let something insignificant ruin your career – follow the rules.

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The Comics On Duty World Tour

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May 2004 Services Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bingo 1900 Top 40 Immediately Follows bingo
2 Country/Oldies 2000 hours	3 Counter Strike Tournament 2000 hours	4 8 Ball Tournament 2000	5 Cinco De Mayo Celebration 1700-2300 Free Pizza And prizes	6 9 Ball Tournament 2000	7 Morning Counter Strike Tourney 0800 R&B Night 2100	8 Wellness Fair 0800-1600 Bingo 1900 hours Top 40 2000 hrs
9 Mother's Day Events 1300-1600 Country/Oldies 2000 hours	10 Counter Strike Tournament 2000	11 8 Ball Tournament 2000	12 Spades Tournament 2000 Rock/Alternative Night 2100	13 8 Ball Tournament 2000	14 Scavenger Hunt 1930 hours Stupid Human Tricks 2000-2200	15 Bingo 1900 hours Top 40 night Immediately Follows bingo
16 Daytime Bingo 1600 hours Country/Oldies 2000 hours	17 Counter Strike Tournament 2000	18 8 Ball Pool 2000	19 Table Tennis Tournament 2000 Rock/Alternative Night 2100	20 Domino Tournament 2000	21 Morning Counter Strike Tourney 0800 R&B Night 2100	22 Bingo 1900 hours Top 40 Immediately Follows bingo
23 Country/Oldies 2000 hours Sports Day Events All Day	24 Hearts Tournament 2000 hours	25 8 Ball Tournament 2000	26 Let's make A deal 2000 hours Rock/Alternative Night 2100	27 9 Ball Tournament 2000	28 R&B Night 2100	29 Bingo 1900 hours Top 40 Immediately Follows bingo
30 Country/Oldies 2000 hours	31 Memorial Day Events					

Numbers 2 Know

☎CC Support Staff.....	458-1160
☎CE Cust Service	458-9027
☎Chaplain's Office.....	458-1144
☎Command Post.....	458-1122
☎Comm Help Desk.....	458-1000
☎Contracting.....	458-1030
☎EOD.....	458-1103
☎Finance.....	458-1529
☎Fire Dept.....	911/458-1059
☎JDOC	458-1801
☎Lodging.....	458-1501
☎Logistics Plans.....	458-1161
☎Medical Clinic	458-1038
☎OSI.....	458-1169
☎PERSCO.....	458-1128
☎Public Affairs.....	458-1149
☎Public Health.....	458-1036
☎Protocol.....	458-1182
☎Recreation Center.....	458-1498
☎Safety.....	458-1151
☎T-Town Mayor... ..	458-9024
☎Red Tail Flyer	458-1096
☎Supply.....	458-1193
☎TMO.....	458-1192



KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

Each week, the *Red Tail Flyer* staff will take a photo from around Balad AB. If you can identify the object or item, shoot us an e-mail at: redtailflyer@blab.aorcentaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block. The person who sends in the correct answer first will receive a prize and have their name printed in the Red Tail Flyer. Congratulations to last week's winner, Staff Sgt. Clinton Miller, 332nd ELRS, who correctly identified the HESCO barrier joint.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Prentice Colter

Entertaining the crowd

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty, *New Horizon* rock band, stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., performed for Balad Saturday. *New Horizon* brought to the stage a blend of rock 'n' roll, country, pop, and other truly American musical idioms.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Keith Brown

Lunar eclipse

(Above) Military members deployed to the Operation Iraqi Freedom AOR were able to see a Lunar Eclipse May 4 as the moon lined up in the earth's shadow.

Teamwork

(Left) Staff Sgt. Jason Wintersteen (left) and Staff Sgt. Lucio Reza Jr., both electricians with the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Balad Air Base, install a transfer switch to restore emergency and commercial power for the headquarters building. Sergeant Wintersteen is deployed here from 347th Civil Engineer Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., while Sergeant Reza is deployed from the 27th CES at Cannon AFB, N.M.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jon Hanson

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Man On The Street

"What is your idea of a vacation?"



TSgt. Duane Kaiser,
332nd ELRS/Aerial Port
"A vacation to the mountains and Jackson Hole, Wy."



SrA Victor Torres,
332nd ECES, Fire Flight
"Any quiet place with good friends."



A1C Daniel Guranious,
46th ERS
"I would love to take my wife back to Cancun, Mexico, where I proposed."



SSgt. Victor Oliveira,
332nd ECES, HVAC
"I want to go on a cruise to Jamaica."



SSgt. Steve Wallace,
332nd EMXG/Ammo Flight
"An all-inclusive, all-expenses paid trip to the Bahamas."



SSgt. Joe Narez,
332nd EMXG/Ammo Flight
"A ski trip to the mountains in Colorado."



SrA Lester Pullings,
332nd ECES, HVAC
"My vacation would be anywhere, but Balad."

Around Balad

People in your neighborhood

Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Lacy III

Home station: Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

Unit: 332nd ECES

Arrived in the AOR: March 1

Family: Jaime, wife; Jaylen, son; and Na'Yanna (daughter on the way in June?).

Hobbies: Playing basketball and working on my car.

How do I contribute to the mission? I serve as a TCN escort. I help by taking workers around the base in order to improve the base.

What is my favorite aspect of this deployment? Meeting new people I can now call part of my Air Force family.

Besides my family, what do I miss back home? The only thing I really miss is seeing my wife and son.



T-Town Chapel

Protestant service

Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service

5:30 p.m. - Traditional Service

Monday

7 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

8 p.m. - Bible Study

Friday

6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

8 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

Catholic service

Sunday

Noon - Mass

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - Mass

Friday

5:30 p.m. - Mass

LDS service

Sunday

7 p.m. - Sacrament meeting

Thursday

7:30 p.m. - Family Home Evening

All Denominations

Nightly

9 p.m. - Evening Prayer for Peace under the Stars



Chaplain Porter

Public Health Note



"Public Health Note" is a column that answers frequently asked Public Health questions. To submit questions send them to Kevin.Berkel@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil or Lawrence.Noel@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil.

Q: With the weather obviously getting much warmer (high temperatures now exceed lower 100s), the EMEDS has started to see patients related to these warm weather conditions. What might these patients be coming in for?

A: Working outside in extremely warm or hot conditions, inadequate water intake, and individual health history contribute to heat related disorders. These disorders include: heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke (medical emergency). Symptoms can include: dizziness/confusion, nausea/vomiting, staggering, disturbed vision, etc. Use the buddy system to keep an eye on each other especially during periods of heat and heavy work. All heat related disorders need to have medical attention as soon as possible. If you notice these symptoms, please get the individual to a shady area and offer water to them. For heatstroke victims, it could be a life or death situation. Since the Balad Air Force Clinic has limits, patients with severe symptoms or cramps should be taken to the U.S. Army Combat Support Hospital (CSH). (For more detailed information, please see AFPAM 48-151 (*Thermal Injury*)).

Sustainer Movie Schedule



Today

- ☐ Dirty Dancing — 3 p.m.
- ☐ Spartan — 6 p.m.
- ☐ Secret Window — 9 p.m.

Wednesday

- ☐ Man on Fire — 3 p.m..
- ☐ Secret Window — 6 p.m.
- ☐ Spartan — 9 p.m.

Friday

- ☐ Dawn of the Dead — 3 p.m..
- ☐ Never Die Alone — 6 p.m.
- ☐ Laws of Attraction — 9 p.m.

Tuesday

- ☐ Spartan — 3 p.m.
- ☐ Man on Fire — 6 p.m.
- ☐ Starsky & Hutch — 9 p.m.

Thursday

- ☐ Secret Window — 3 p.m.
- ☐ Dirty Dancing — 6 p.m.
- ☐ Man on Fire — 9 p.m.

Saturday

- ☐ Taking Lives — 3 p.m..
- ☐ Live Comedy Hour — 6 p.m.
- ☐ Closed — 9 p.m.

Breakfast: 6 to 9 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Dinner: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Midnight: 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Lunch Lasagna Veal parmesan Corn O' Brien	Lunch Baked fish Beef manicotti Vegetable medley	Lunch Baked ham Chicken fried steak Seasoned broccoli	Lunch Cornish hens Pork chops Cauliflower	Lunch Roast turkey BBQ ribs Green beans	Lunch Salisbury steak Baked chicken Peas & carrots	Lunch Meatballs Braised beef Green beans
Dinner Chicken curry Roast turkey Cordon bleu Seasoned carrots	Dinner Chicken breast Swedish meatballs Roast fresh ham Cauliflower	Dinner Roast pork loin Fried chicken Fettuccini alfredo Stir fry	Dinner Baked fish Pot roast Swiss steak Seasoned carrots	Dinner Beef fajitas Chicken fajitas Enchiladas Broccoli	Dinner Stuffed flounder Fried shrimp Prime rib Seasoned peas	Dinner Chicken breast Pork schnitzel Meatloaf Cauliflower

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